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Hello Agrarians,

As winter approaches, it's a perfect reminder that rest is just as important as hard work. Just as the fields and plants slow down for a time of renewal, we too must embrace this season as an opportunity to recharge. Winter is not just a time to pause—it's a time to reflect, restore, and prepare for the fresh energy that spring brings.

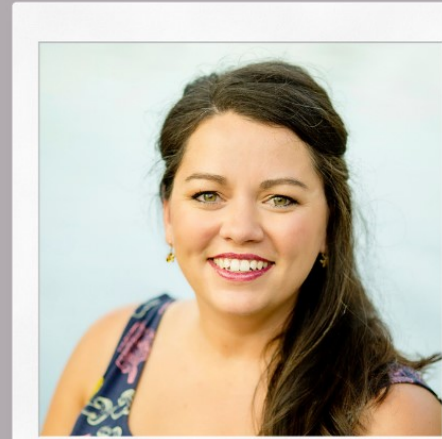
This is your moment to invest in yourself. The winter months offer a unique chance to fill your educational cup and grow in ways that will propel you forward. Take advantage of the programs, workshops, and resources available to sharpen your skills, expand your knowledge, and plan for the opportunities ahead.

We're also excited to share that the long-awaited CAIP (County Agrirucltral Investmet Program - cost-share) is coming back this December, a little later than usual, but it's happening! This program has the potential to support your growth in tangible ways, and we encourage you to make time to attend one of our information seminars on December 2nd or 3rd. This is your chance to learn all the details and get ready for the upcoming application period. There are quite a few changes so plan to attend. The application period is still TBD.

As you rest, learn, and prepare, know that this is a season of transformation. Embrace it fully, and let it fuel the success of the year ahead.

Now happy farming folks, and I hope to see ya soon!

Lindie Huffman



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Discover the *Magic* of the season on the *Mistletoe & Farm Markets Holiday Trail*—where *holiday cheer* meets Farm Charm!
CELEBRATING ON-FARM EVENTS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

CAIP PROGRAM CONTINUES TO SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS

KLindie Huffman, Pendleton County Agricultural & Natural Resources Extension Agent



Since 2008, the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) has contributed an impressive \$2,609,424.07 to Pendleton County's agricultural community. While CAIP existed before 2008, this figure represents the documented investments over the past 16 years, reflecting the program's significant impact on local farmers and their operations.

The true scope of CAIP's influence is likely even greater. Farmers are required to match CAIP funds dollar-for-dollar or more, meaning the total investment in Pendleton County agriculture could easily exceed \$5 million. These funds have empowered local producers to make meaningful upgrades to their farms, from livestock improvements to infrastructure projects and beyond.

CAIP, funded by the Kentucky Ag Development Fund and administered locally by the Pendleton County Agricultural Development Board, is a cost-share reimbursement program designed to promote agricultural diversification and improve farm operations. Farmers can apply for financial assistance in 11 program areas, including fencing, on-farm energy, livestock, and agricultural innovation.

For the 2024-2025 program year, the Pendleton County Ag Diversification Council has approved \$194,440 in funding. The application period is anticipated to begin in December 2024. Farmers interested in applying are encouraged to attend one of two informational meetings hosted at the Pendleton County Extension Office:

- Monday, December 2, 2024, at 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:30 PM

The success of CAIP underscores the dedication of Pendleton County farmers who leverage these funds to invest in their operations and the future of local agriculture. Together, with state funding and personal contributions, farmers are not only strengthening their businesses but also contributing to the resilience and sustainability of the broader agricultural community.

For more information, follow the Pendleton County Extension Office on Facebook, subscribe to The Grazing Gazette Newsletter, or contact the office directly.



UPCOMING AG EVENTS



PCEO CLASS REGISTRATION

Please ensure to check each event for registration details. Kindly register at least 2 days prior to the event.

DATE	MEETING/EVENT	CAIP APPROVED
NOV 22 6:30 PM	PENCO BEEF CATTLE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & CHILI COOK-OFF PENDLETON CES 45 David Pribble Dr Falmouth 859.654.3395 Join the PCBCA for their annual meeting of fellowship and learning. You may pay your membership dues to join the PC and KY Cattleman's Association (Checks or cash accepted). Dr. Michelle Arnold will be on hand to discuss herd health management.	YES
DEC 2 10:00 AM	CAIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING PENDLETON CES 45 David Pribble Dr Falmouth 859.654.3395 Learn about the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP), including eligibility requirements and application tips. Meetings will be held at the Pendleton County Extension Office. These sessions are essential for farmers interested in applying for the 2024-2025 program year.	NO
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DEC 10 6:30 PM	AG WATER QUALITY PLAN WORKSHOP PENDLETON CES 45 David Pribble Dr Falmouth 859.654.3395 Since 1994, the KY Ag Water Quality Plan has been a legal requirement for farms to protect water resources and ensure sustainable practices. Join us for this hands-on workshop where you'll learn about the plan's importance and complete your own KAWQP with step-by-step guidance. Don't miss this opportunity to meet compliance and enhance your farm's stewardship efforts!	YES
DEC 17 3 Options 10:00 AM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM	FRESH GREENERY WREATH WORKSHOP PENDLETON CES 45 David Pribble Dr Falmouth 859.654.3395 Join us for a festive Fresh Greenery Wreath-Making Workshop, where the scents of cedar fill the air as you craft your own beautiful 8-10" wreath to take home. Bring the magic of the season into your space with natural, handpicked greenery and a touch of creative cheer! 🌿🍂 Space is limited—call the PCEO to reserve your spot today.	NO
JAN 5-7	KY FRUIT & VEGETABLE CONFERENCE Lexington, KY Register Online Join farmers and industry experts at the KY Fruit & Vegetable Conference for sessions on production, marketing, and pest management tailored to growers of all levels. This annual event is your chance to network and gain valuable insights for a successful growing season. Register online today to secure your spot!	YES
JAN 20	ART OF THE COUNTRY HAM WORKSHOP PENDLETON CES 45 David Pribble Dr Falmouth 859.654.3395 Learn the art of curing country hams at this hands-on workshop! Open to adults and youth, participants will cure a country ham to take home. Space is very limited, so sign up by December 1 to secure your spot. Cost is \$60 per person. Youth must register through 4-H. Don't miss this unique opportunity!	YES
JAN 16-17	KENTUCKY CATTLEMAN'S CONVENTION 2025 Owensboro, KY Register Online The 2024 KY Cattlemen's Convention will take place this January in Owensboro, KY. Pendleton County Extension Office is offering to coordinate carpools and arrange a room block if there is enough interest from attendees. To participate, call the office to join the list. Conference registration must be completed online. Don't miss this opportunity to network, learn, and represent Pendleton County at this premier event for Kentucky cattle producers!	YES

CAIP EDUCATIONAL FORM INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the orange educational form. Lindie County Agent will sign at in-person programs. Attending a virtual program? Complete the form, then drop it off at the PCEO for agent approval.

Classes with no registrations will be canceled without notice



UK Beef Management Webinar Series

Registration is necessary, however, if you received this email directly from Darrah Bullock then you are already registered. If you received this from another source, or have not registered previously, then please send an email to dbullock@uky.edu with Beef Webinar in the subject line and your name and county in the message. You will receive the direct link with a password the morning of each meeting. This invitation will directly link you to the site and you will be asked for the password which can be found just below the link. Each session will be recorded and posted for later viewing. All meeting times are 8:00pm ET/7:00pm CT.

- November 12, 2024
Shooting the Bull: Answering all your Beef Related Questions! – Updates and Roundtable discussion with UK Specialists
- December 10, 2024
Winter Feeding Strategies to Extend Short Hay Supplies – Lawton Stewart, Professor, University of Georgia
- January 14, 2025
Important Traits for Bull Selection in Kentucky – Matt Spangler, Professor, University of Nebraska
- February 11, 2025
Marketing Opportunities for the Spring – Kenny Burdine, Professor, and Kevin Laurent, Extension Specialist, University of Kentucky
- March 11, 2025
Preparing for a Successful Spring Breeding Season – Les Anderson, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky
- April 8, 2025
Health Update and Internal Parasite Field Study Results – Michelle Arnold, Extension Veterinarian, and Jeff Lehmkuhler, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky

PC CAIP Information

2024-2025 INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2 10:00 AM at the PCEO	DECEMBER 3 6:30 PM at the PCEO
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Call the PCEO to RSVP so enough materials and chairs are available.
Application Period is TBD.

THE AGENT'S CORNER



Thank you for a great year!

The 2023-2024 paid out \$203,706.79 on over 124 farm projects!

Questions about the program?

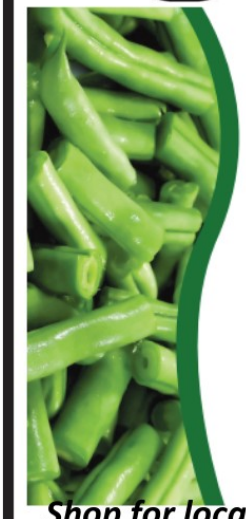
PC Ag Agent: Lindie Huffman - 859.813.2944
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What is CAIP?

The County Agriculture Investment Program is a Cost-share program for farmers to receive funding for farm production expansion and improvements.

The next application window for 2024-2025 is expected in December 2024.

Cost-Share Update



Green Bean and Ham Soup

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| 4 cups fresh green beans, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces | 3 whole carrots, peeled and sliced | 1/4 teaspoon black pepper |
| 3 cups russet potatoes, unpeeled and cubed | 1 pound fully cooked ham, cut into bite-sized pieces | 1 teaspoon garlic powder |
| 2 small onions, thinly sliced | 9 cups water | 1 cup half and half |
| | 1 teaspoon salt | 2 tablespoons corn starch |
| | | 1/4 cup cold water |

Place green beans, potatoes, onions, carrots, ham and the nine cups water into a large soup pot; cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, uncovered, about 45 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Remove the pot from the heat and add the salt, black pepper, garlic powder and half and half. Return to heat and bring to a simmer again. Combine corn starch and the 1/4 cup cold water in a small bowl. When simmer begins, combine the corn starch mixture into the soup and stir well. Allow the soup to remain on the heat for 5-7 more minutes while it thickens. Yield: 12, 1 cup servings

Nutritional Analysis: 140 calories, 4.5 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 25 mg cholesterol, 670 mg sodium, 14 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 3 g sugar, 10 g protein

Buying Kentucky Proud is easy. Look for the label at your grocery store, farmers' market, or roadside stand. <http://plateitup.ca.uky.edu>

Shop for local ingredients with local farmers.



Everyday I'm BRUSSELIN
#Extensionbehindthescenes, what has #lindiecountyagent been up to...

Summer was amazing and full of adventure! Left: Tractor Driving Champs from PC Fair and 4H District Competition with volunteers. Center: Our amazing group on the Agricultural Heritage Tour to New England in Portland, Maine. Right: Checking in on the bees with our youngest hiking participants in the summer challenge Fitness for Produce.



THOUSANDS OF FARMERS COULD UNKNOWINGLY FACE FEDERAL FINES OR JAIL TIME

American Farm Bureau News Release - Oct 17, 2024

Time is running out for thousands of farmers who may face steep fines and possible jail time for failing to file their businesses with the federal government. Jan. 1, 2025, is the deadline to file Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) with the U.S. Department of Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). New analysis in a Market Intel by American Farm Bureau Federation economists shows more than 230,000 farms are required to file, but government data indicates less than 11% of all eligible businesses nationwide have done so.

The Corporate Transparency Act of 2021 required businesses to register any "beneficial owner" of a company in an effort to combat money laundering. Many farms are structured as either a c-corporation, s-corporation or limited liability company (LLC), which are now required to be registered if they employ fewer than 20 employees or receive under \$5 million in cash receipts – which covers the vast majority of farms.

"The use of LLCs is an important tool for many farms to keep personal and business assets separated, but small businesses often lack the staff to track and stay in compliance with changing rules and regulations," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "It's clear that many farmers aren't aware of the new filing requirement. Unclear guidance and lack of public outreach are now putting thousands of America's farmers at risk of violating federal law."

Businesses that fail to file, or do not update records when needed, could face criminal fines up to \$10,000 and additional civil penalties of up to \$591 per day.

Failure to file could also lead to felony charges and up to two years in prison.

"The greater farm economy will also be impacted by CTA requirements," AFBF economists write. "Many feed and supply stores, crop marketers like grain elevators and the greater rural business community are also likely required to file their BOI and subject to penalties if they do not comply. The regulatory burdens and potential enforcement crackdowns could have ripple effects throughout the entire food, fiber and fuel supply chains."

Farmers are encouraged to contact an accountant or attorney if they are unsure whether they are required to file their business's BOI with FinCEN.

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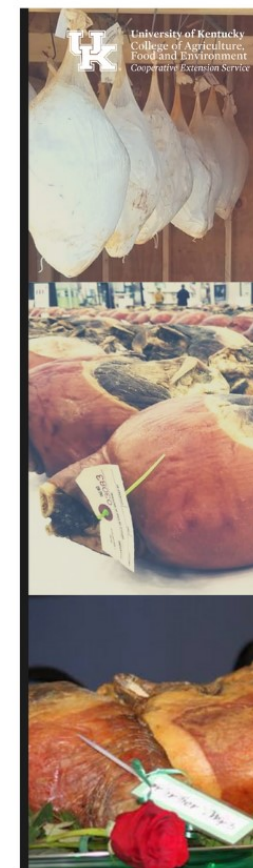
COUNTRY HAMS

The country ham has been a food tradition in Kentucky and throughout the southeast for hundreds of years. The Kentucky 4-H Country Ham project continues the tradition of the country ham. Pendleton County Extension Office is pleased to announce that the 4-H Country Ham Project is being extended to offer an adult program!

- Participants will learn:
- The history of the Country Ham
 - Cultural Significance
 - Experience the curing process
 - Enjoy their very own country ham

PROJECT DETAILS

- COST:**
- Adults: \$60 (1 ham)
- TIMELINE:**
- Ham Curing Day:
 - January 20, 2025
 - Ham Cleaning & Pickup:
 - May 2025
- CALL THE PCEO TO REGISTER: 859.654.3395
THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS DECEMBER 9. SPACE IS LIMITED SO CALL TODAY!
CHECKS PAYABLE TO PC 4H COUNCIL





Annual Meeting CHILI COOK-OFF

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024
AT PENDLETON CO. EXTENSION OFFICE
6:30 PM

Why join?

- Expand your Knowledge
- Delicious Chili
- Fellowship
- Renew or Join
- Door Prizes

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Michelle Arnold, DVM
Associate Professor
Ruminant Veterinarian



HOW TO PARTICIPATE?
CALL PCEO: 859-654-3395
REGISTER YOUR PARTY & YOUR CHILI BY NOVEMBER 15



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PENCO HIKERS

"A journey is best measured in friends rather than miles."

JOIN THE ADVENTURE.
SAVE THE DATES.

- ✓ May 17 - Carter Caves State Park
- ✓ July 26 - The Pinnacles, Berea
- ✓ September 28 - Mammoth Cave
- ✓ March 20-22, 2025 - Southern Indiana
(Leave 4 pm on 20th, PC Schools is out the 21st)

MORE INFORMATION
Released Closer to Departure

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